

Rhode Island (RI) Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF)

Children in Foster Care

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 (FY2013)

Section 1

Removals to Out-of-Home Placement: Statewide

The data presented in Section 1 reflect an unduplicated count of all children/youth removed from home and entering a RI DCYF out-of-home placement during July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. The data include children/youth in congregate care, specialized foster care, independent and semi-independent living, relative foster care, nonrelative foster care, and court ordered. The data presented in this report were pulled from the RI DCYF data system, RICHIST.

There were 1,213 children who entered out-of-home care in FY 2013. Of these, 1,014 children (83.6%) were first time entries and 199 children (16.4%) were re-entries. Re-entry is defined as entered within 12 months of a previous discharge from all placements. These figures may be slightly different from Federal Reports that report on a Federal Fiscal Year (October 1 to September 30 time periods).

Table 1. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by gender

Gender	FIRST TIME ENTRIES		RE-ENTRIES	
	N	%	N	%
Female	436	43.0%	79	39.7%
Male	578	57.0%	120	60.3%
Total	1014	100.0%	199	100.0%

Table 2. Median age at removal for children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement

	FIRST TIME ENTRIES	RE-ENTRIES
Number of children	1014	199
Median age at removal	10	15

Table 3. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by race

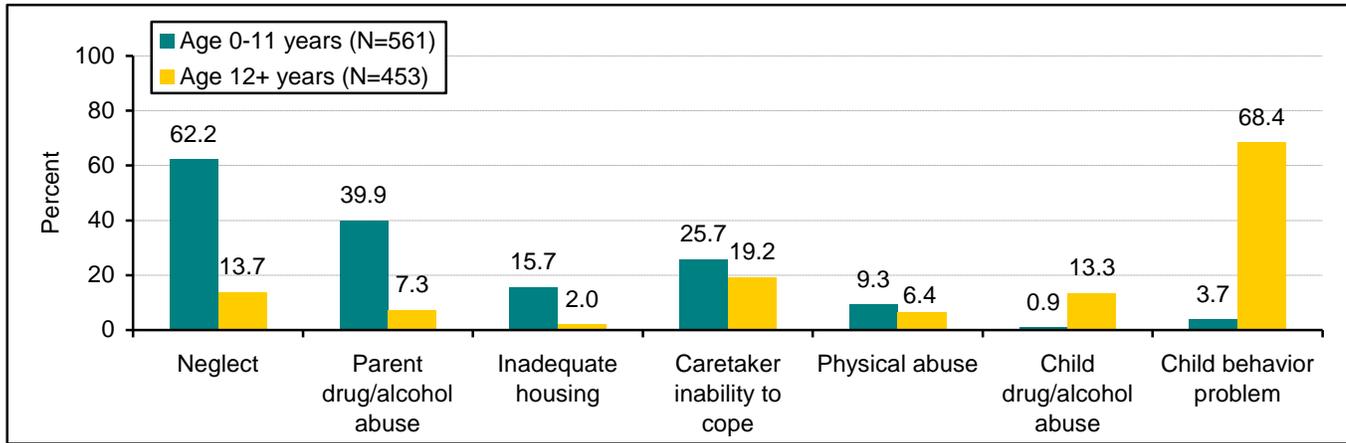
Race	FIRST TIME ENTRIES		RE-ENTRIES	
	N	%	N	%
American Indian	2	0.2%	1	0.6%
Asian	9	1.0%	4	2.3%
Black	153	16.7%	35	20.4%
Multiracial	104	11.4%	15	8.7%
White	648	70.7%	117	68.0%
Unknown/Missing	98	--	27	--
Total	1014	100.0%	199	100.0%

Table 4. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by ethnicity

Ethnicity	FIRST TIME ENTRIES		RE-ENTRIES	
	N	%	N	%
Hispanic	282	30.2%	66	34.4%
Non-Hispanic	653	69.8%	126	65.6%
Unknown/Missing	79	--	7	--
Total	1014	100.0%	199	100.0%

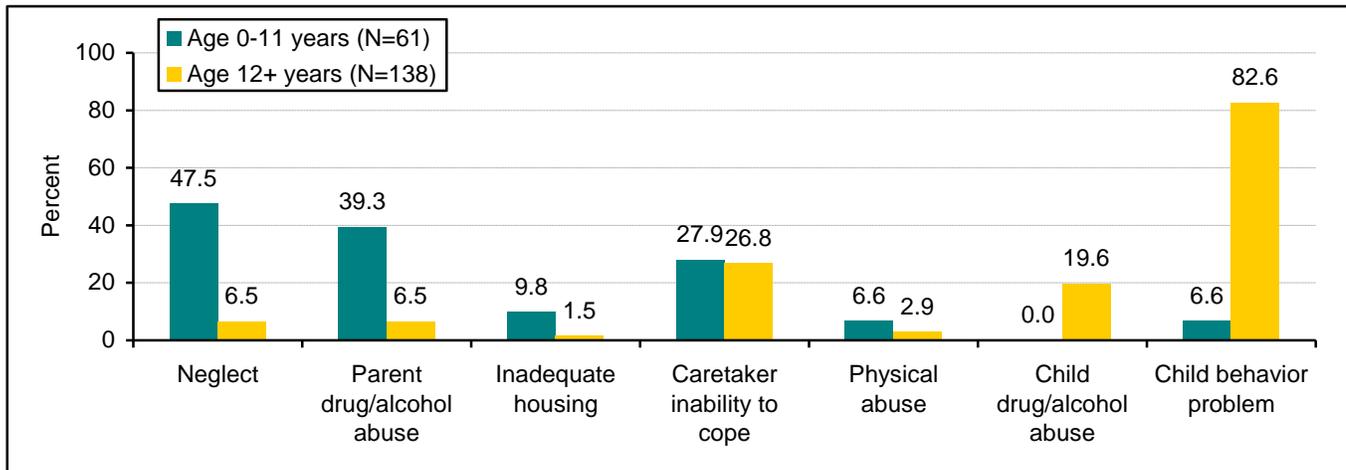
Note: If a child had multiple removals in FY13, re-entry record was selected to analyze unduplicated count. If a child had multiple re-entries in FY13, the first re-entry record was selected. Another way to look at re-entries is the percentage of re-entries in FY13 out of the discharges from all placements in FY12. This approach is used in timeliness to reunification without reentry.

Figure 1. Percent of children entering into out-of-home placement for the first time, by age group and most frequent removal reasons



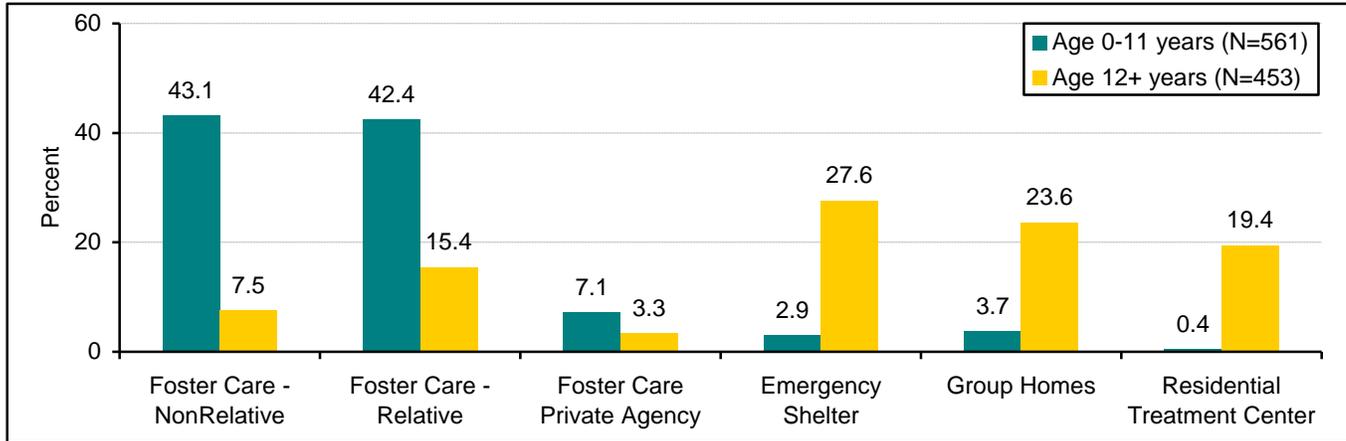
Note: Percentages may add up to over 100% because a youth may have multiple removal reasons. Removal reasons not shown include sexual abuse, clinical diagnosis, parent incarceration, parent death, abandonment, and relinquishment; the percentage for each of these removal reasons is < 6%.

Figure 2. Percent of children re-entering into out-of-home placement, by age group and most frequent removal reasons



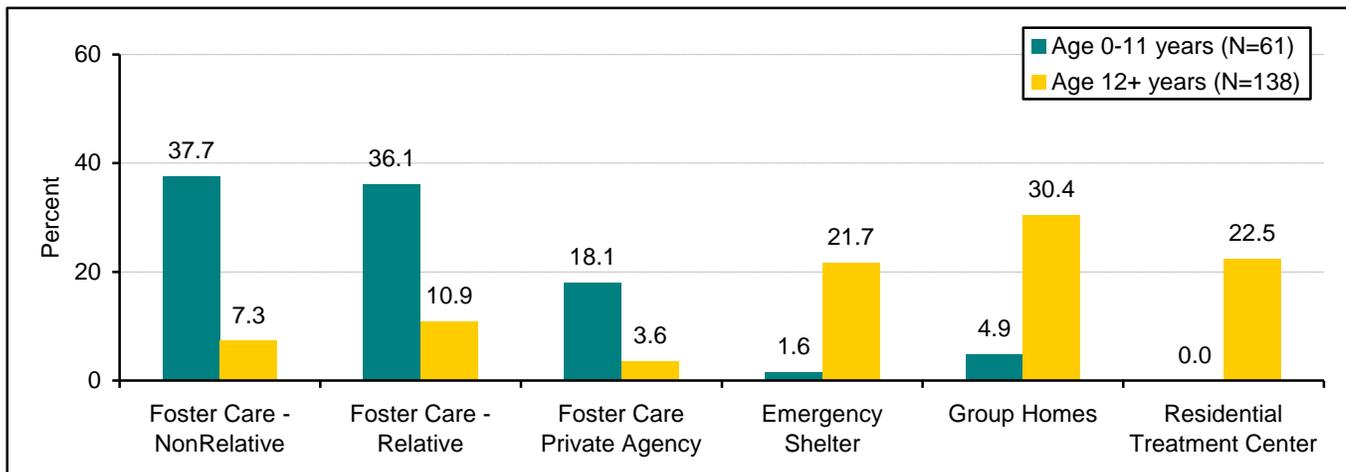
Note: Percentages may add up to over 100% because a youth may have multiple removal reasons. Removal reasons not shown include sexual abuse, clinical diagnosis, parent incarceration, parent death, abandonment, and relinquishment; the percentage for each of these removal reasons is < 6%.

Figure 3. Percent of children entering into out-of-home placement for the first time, by age group and most frequent first placement service types of current removal



Note: Placement service types not shown include acute residential treatment, independent/semi-independent living, and psychiatric hospital; the percentage for each of these placement service types is < 3%. Residential treatment center includes residential treatment center, residential counseling center, and residential treatment – substance abuse.

Figure 4. Percent of children re-entering into out-of-home placement, by age group and most frequent first placement service types of current removal



Note: Placement service types not shown include acute residential treatment, independent/semi-independent living, and psychiatric hospital; the percentage for each of these placement service types is < 3%. Residential treatment center includes residential treatment center, residential counseling center, and residential treatment – substance abuse.

Figure 5. Percent of children re-entering into out-of-home placement, by placement service type at previous discharge for the most frequent first placement service types of current removal

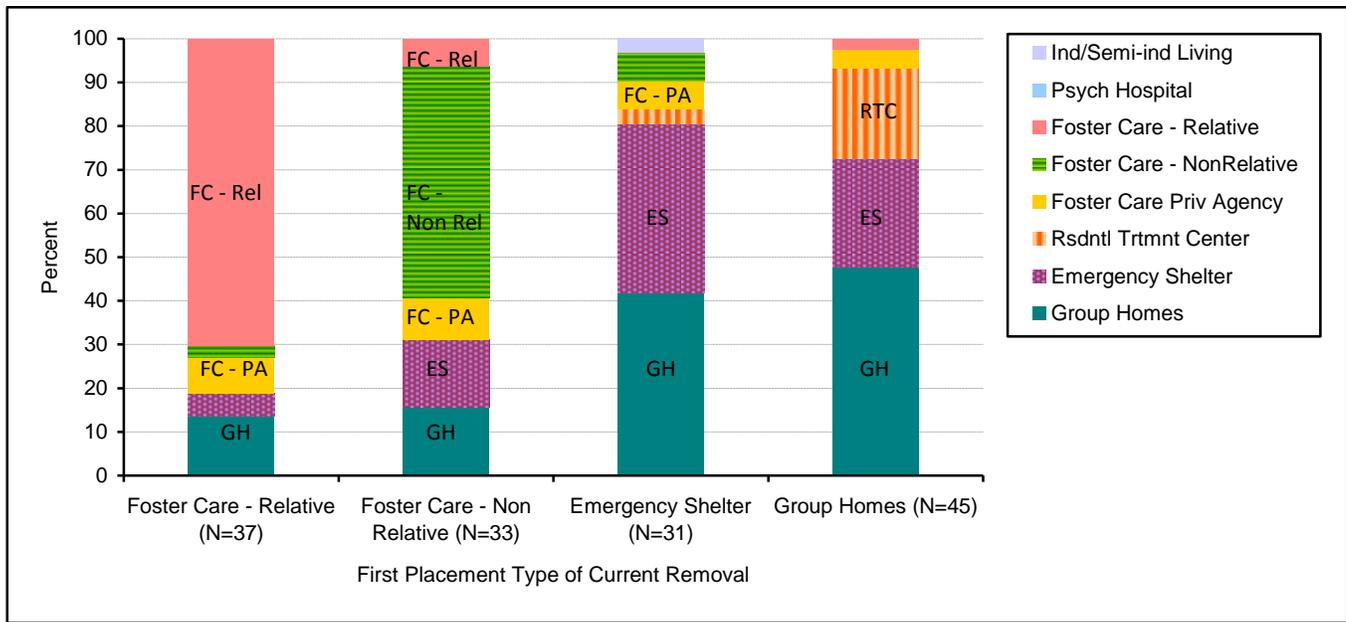
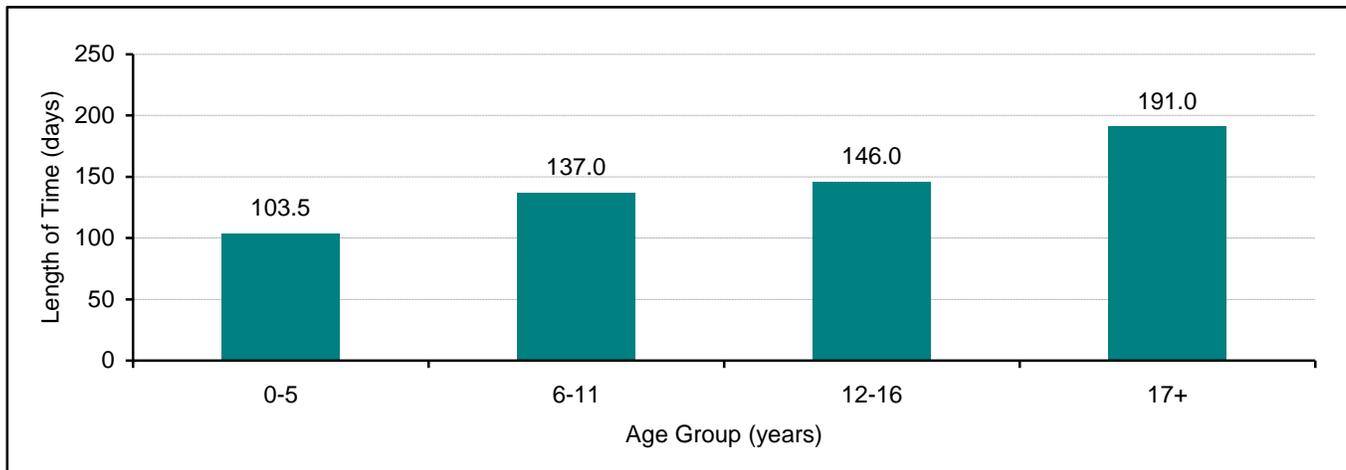


Figure 6. Median length of time (days) since previous discharge for children re-entering into out-of-home placement, by age group (N=199)



Section 2

Removals to Out-of-Home Placement: Network-wide

The data presented in Section 2 reflect an unduplicated count of youth removed from home and entering a placement assigned to a Network at the time of removal, July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. This includes children/youth removed from home and entering into congregate care, specialized foster care, independent and semi-independent living assigned to a Network and their siblings placed in relative foster care, nonrelative foster care, court ordered. Children who were removed from home and their initial placement was in relative foster care, nonrelative foster care or other placement not included in list above, are not reflected in this data. For example, if a child was removed from home and placed in a foster family setting and then transitioned into a congregate care setting, their entry into the Networks of care would not be reflected in this data. If a child re-entered DCYF care and was discharged from a placement within 12 months and that previous placement was included in the Network, the child is reflected in this data.

There were 778 children who entered an out-of-home placement with an initial placement into congregate care, specialized foster care, independent or semi-independent living (and their siblings) assigned to the networks in FY 2013. Of these, 610 (78.4%) were first time entries and 168 (21.6%) were re-entries. Re-entry is defined as entered within 12 months of a previous discharge from all placements

NOTE: It is expected that the percentage of Network-wide re-entries would be higher than non-network re-entries because children/youth in congregate care traditionally have a higher rate of re-entry than children/youth in foster care. In FY12, prior to the SOC Network implementation, the percentage of re-entries into congregate care or specialized foster care was higher than re-entries into all placement types. Re-entry information is to assist in program and service planning only. These data reflect children/youth who may have been in an out of home placement prior to the SOC Networks implementation (assigned to a Network).

Table 5. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by gender, assigned to networks

Gender	FIRST TIME ENTRIES		RE-ENTRIES	
	N	%	N	%
Female	242	39.7%	64	38.1%
Male	368	60.3%	104	61.9%
Total	610	100.0%	168	100.0%

Table 6. Median age at removal of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, assigned to networks

	FIRST TIME ENTRIES	RE-ENTRIES
Number of children	610	168
Median age at removal	14	15

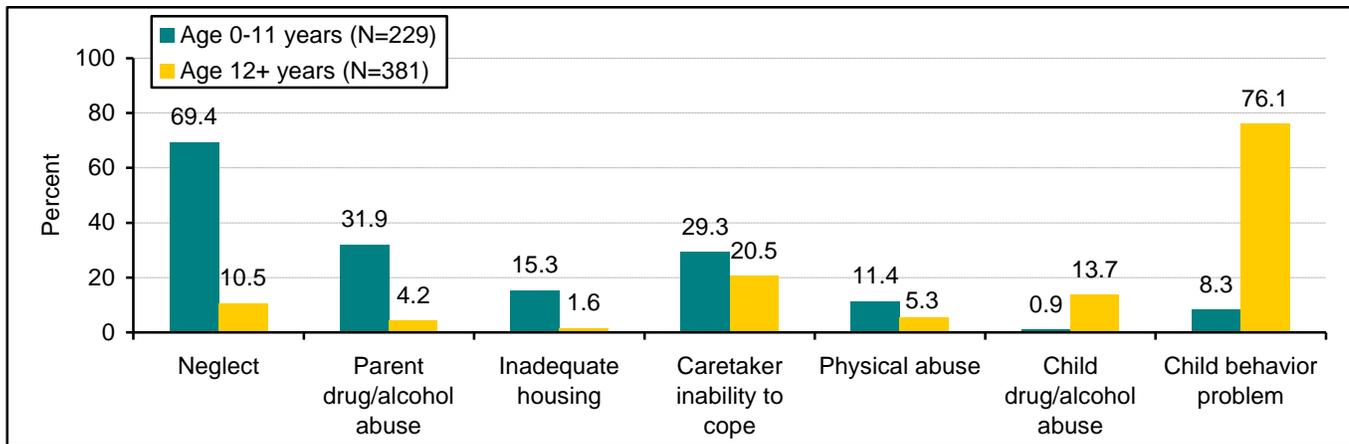
Table 7. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by race, assigned to networks

Race	FIRST TIME ENTRIES		RE-ENTRIES	
	N	%	N	%
American Indian	1	0.2%	1	0.7%
Asian	5	0.9%	4	2.8%
Black	102	18.7%	27	19.0%
Multiracial	65	11.9%	12	8.5%
White	374	68.4%	98	69.0%
Unknown/Missing	63	--	26	--
Total	610	100.0%	168	100.0%

Table 8. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by ethnicity, assigned to networks

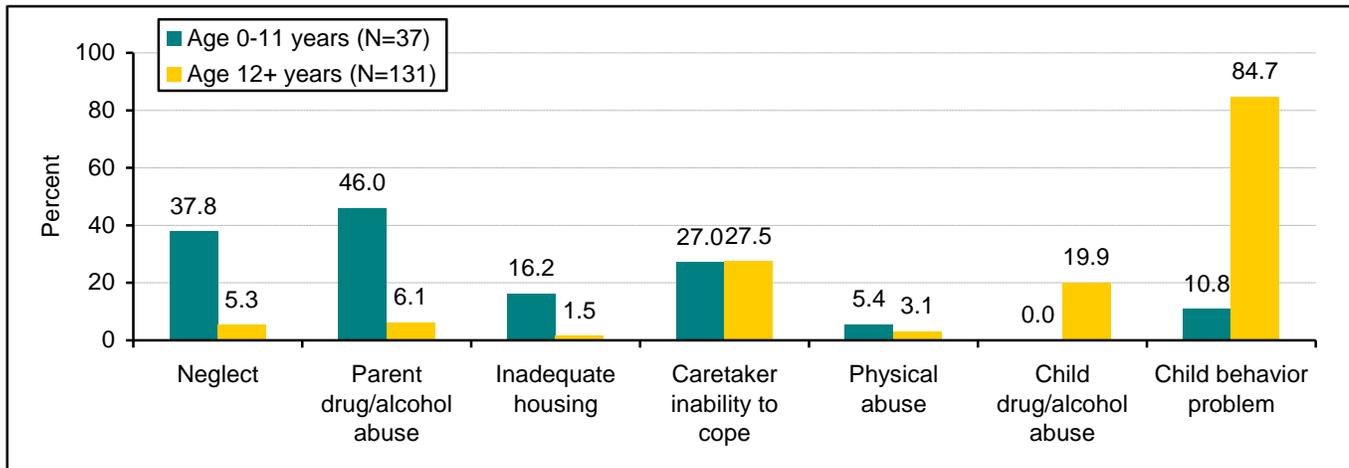
Ethnicity	FIRST TIME ENTRIES		RE-ENTRIES	
	N	%	N	%
Hispanic	180	31.1%	54	33.1%
Non-Hispanic	399	68.9%	109	66.9%
Unknown/Missing	31	--	5	--
Total	610	100.0%	168	100.0%

Figure 7. Percent of children entering into out-of-home placement for the first time, by age group and most frequent removal reasons, assigned to networks



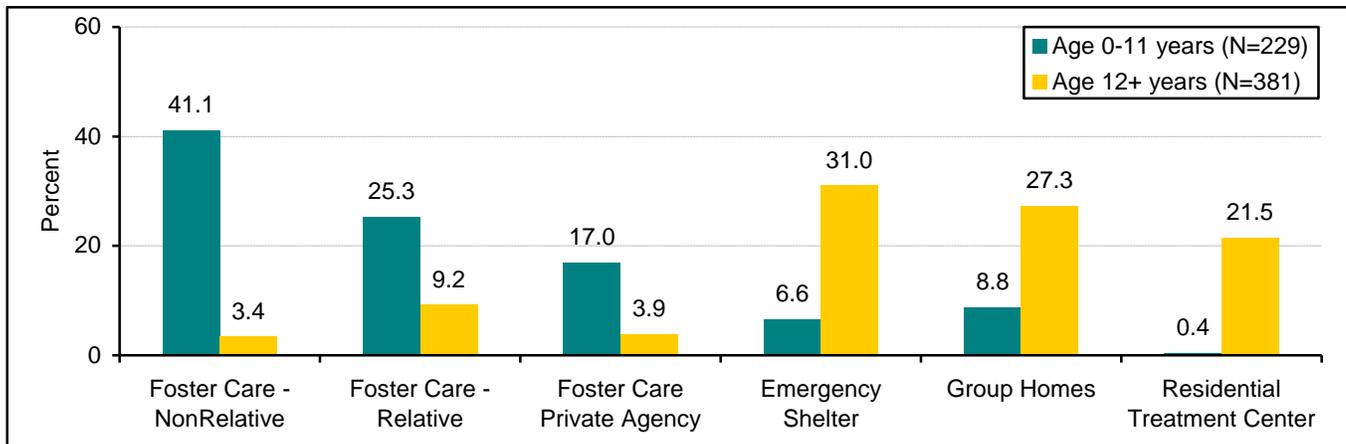
Note: Percentages may add up to over 100% because a youth may have multiple removal reasons. Removal reasons not shown include sexual abuse, clinical diagnosis, parent incarceration, parent death, abandonment, and relinquishment; the percentage for each of these removal reasons is < 6%.

Figure 8. Percent of children re-entering into out-of-home placement, by age group and most frequent removal reasons, assigned to networks



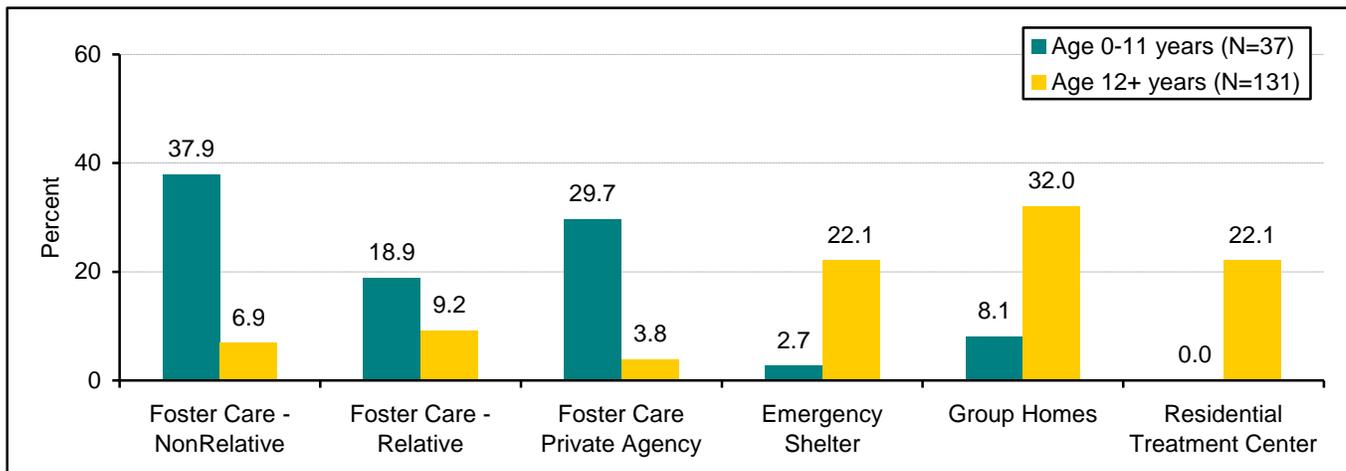
Note: Percentages may add up to over 100% because a youth may have multiple removal reasons. Removal reasons not shown include sexual abuse, clinical diagnosis, parent incarceration, parent death, abandonment, and relinquishment; the percentage for each of these removal reasons is < 6%.

Figure 9. Percent of children entering into out-of-home placement for the first time, by age group and most frequent first placement service types of current removal, assigned to networks



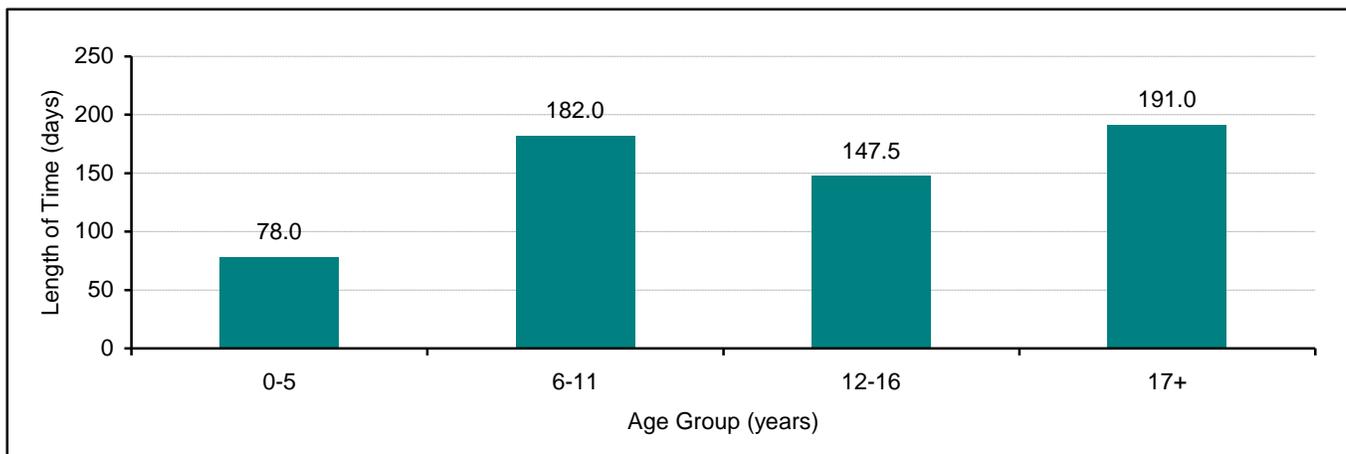
Note: Placement service types not shown include acute residential treatment, independent/semi-independent living, and psychiatric hospital; the percentage for each of these placement service types is < 3%. Residential treatment center includes residential treatment center, residential counseling center, and residential treatment – substance abuse.

Figure 10. Percent of children re-entering into out-of-home placement, by age group and most frequent first placement service types of current removal, assigned to networks



Note: Placement service types not shown include acute residential treatment, independent/semi-independent living, and psychiatric hospital; the percentage for each of these placement service types is < 3%. Residential treatment center includes residential treatment center, residential counseling center, and residential treatment – substance abuse.

Figure 11. Median length of time (days) since previous discharge for children re-entering into out-of-home placement, by age group, assigned to networks (N=168)



Section 3

Discharges of Children/Youth: Statewide

The data presented in Section 3 reflect an unduplicated count of all children/youth discharged from all out-of-home placements during July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. This includes children/youth in congregate care, specialized foster care, independent and semi-independent living, relative foster care, nonrelative foster care, court ordered.

There were 1,074 children discharged from all out of-home placements in FY 2013.

Table 9. Number and percent of children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by gender

Gender	N	%
Female	438	40.8%
Male	636	59.2%
Total	1074	100.0%

Table 10. Number of children discharged and median age at discharge from all out-of-home placements

N	1074
Median age at discharge	14

Table 11. Number and percent of children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by race

Race	N	%
American Indian	5	0.5%
Asian	12	1.2%
Black	182	18.6%
Multiracial	93	9.5%
White	685	70.1%
Unknown/Missing	97	--
Total	1074	100.0%

Table 12. Number and percent of children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by ethnicity

Ethnicity	N	%
Hispanic	311	30.1%
Non-Hispanic	723	69.9%
Unknown/Missing	40	--
Total	1074	100.0%

Figure 12. Percent of children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by discharge reason and age group

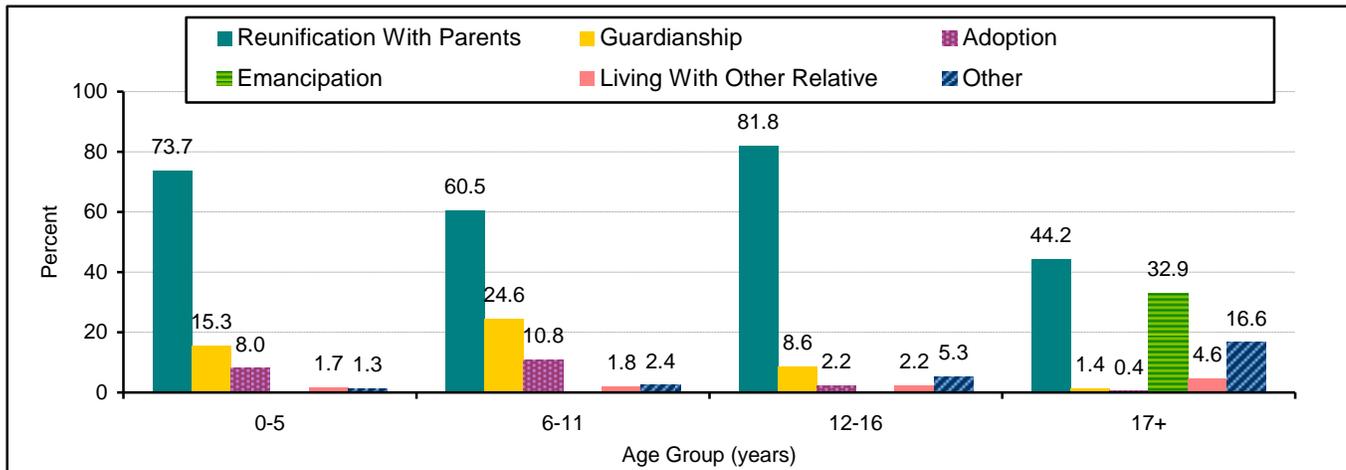


Figure 13. Median length of time in placement (days) for children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by last placement type and age group (N=1074)

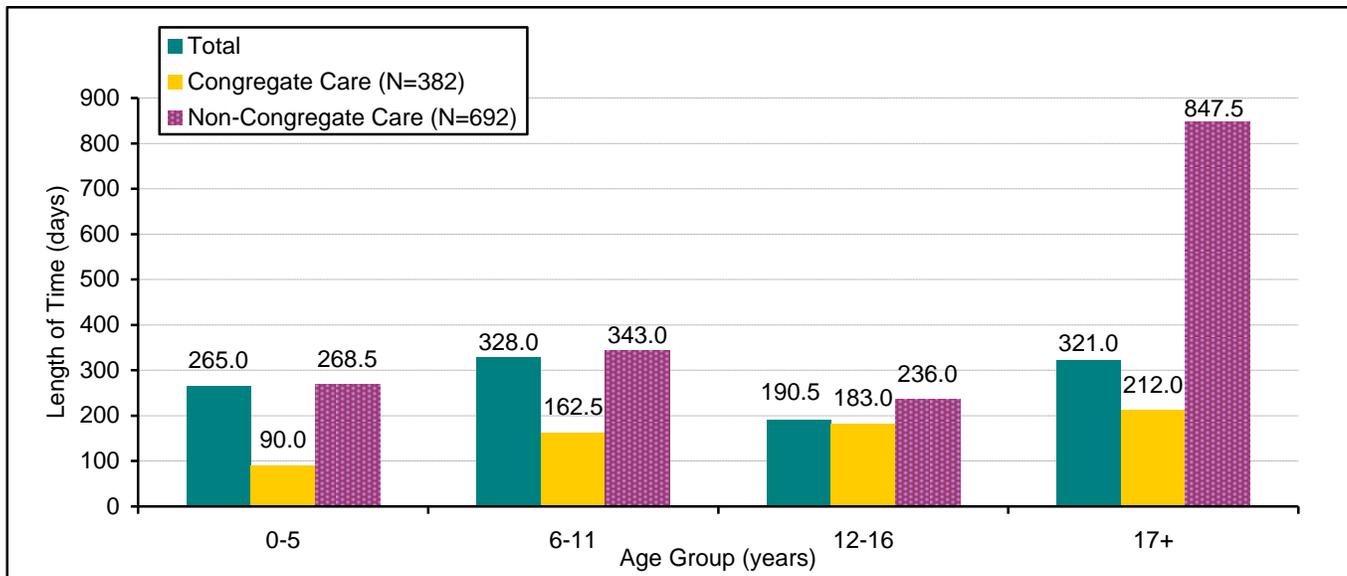


Table 13. Number, percent, and median length of time in placement for children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by last placement service type

Last Placement Service Type	N	%	Median Length of Time (Days) in Placement
Acute Residential Treatment	1	0.1%	17.0
Emergency Shelter	104	9.7%	69.0
Foster Care – Non Relative	173	16.1%	224.0
Foster Care – Relative	349	32.5%	291.0
Foster Care – Private Agency	102	9.5%	572.5
Group Homes	174	16.2%	271.0
Independent/ Semi-Independent Living	62	5.8%	885.5
Pre-Adoption Placement	1	0.1%	924.0
Psych Hospital	5	0.4%	80.0
Residential Treatment Center*	103	9.6%	229.0
Total	1074	100.0%	265.0

* Residential treatment center includes residential counseling center, residential treatment – substance abuse, and generic residential treatment center.

Placement Service Type	N	%	Median Length of Time (Days) in Placement
Congregate Care	382	35.6%	189.5
Non-Congregate Care	692	64.4%	316.5
Total	1074	100.0%	265.0

Section 4

Discharges of Children/Youth: Network-wide

The data in Section 4 reflect an unduplicated count of all children/youth assigned to a Network out-of-home placement and discharged during July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. This could include discharges from all out-of-home placement types. Data reflects families who may have been open to DCYF prior to their assignment to the Network in July 2012.

There were 709 children discharged from all Network out of-home placements in FY 2013.

Table 14. Number and percent of children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by gender, assigned to networks

Gender	N	%
Female	275	38.8%
Male	434	61.2%
Total	709	100.0%

Table 15. Number of children discharged and median age at discharge from all out-of-home placements, assigned to networks

Number of discharges	709
Median age at discharge	15

Table 16. Number and percent of children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by race, assigned to networks

Race	N	%
American Indian	4	0.6%
Asian	11	1.8%
Black	133	21.3%
Multiracial	60	9.6%
White	418	66.8%
Unknown/Missing	83	--
Total	709	100.0%

Table 17. Number and percent of children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by ethnicity, assigned to networks

Ethnicity	N	%
Hispanic	200	29.1%
Non-Hispanic	488	70.9%
Unknown/Missing	21	--
Total	709	100.0%

Figure 14. Median length of time in placement (days) for children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by last placement type and age group, assigned to networks (N=709)

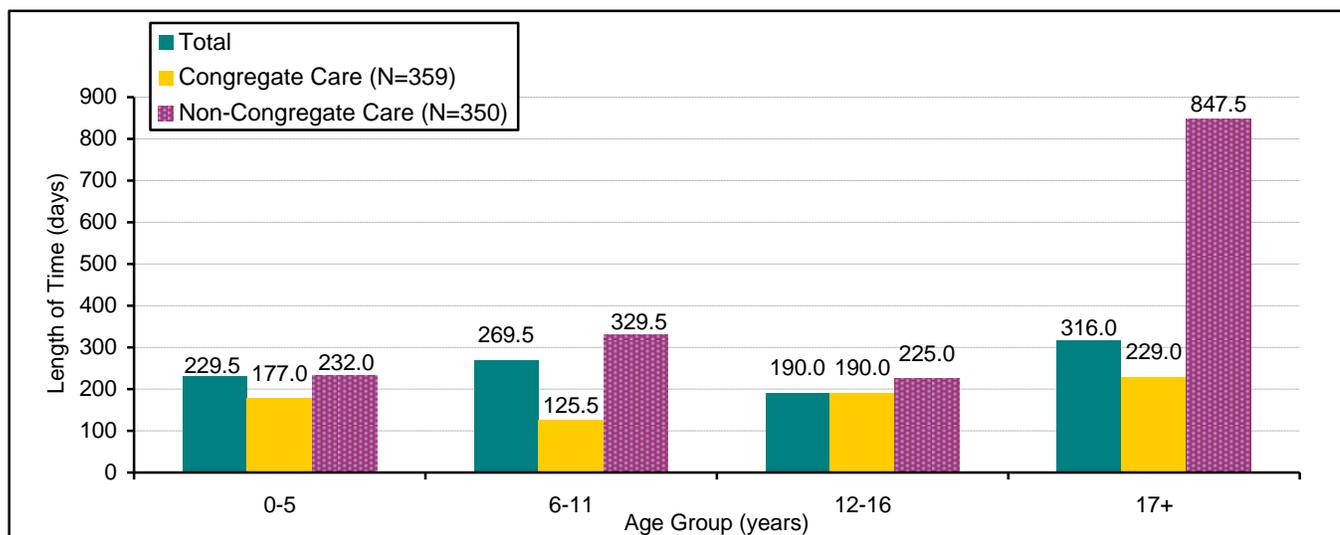


Table 18. Number, percent, and median length of time in placement for children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by last placement service type, assigned to networks

Last Placement Service Type	N	%	Median Length of Time (Days) in Placement
Acute Residential Treatment	1	0.1%	17.0
Emergency Shelter	95	13.4%	80.0
Foster Care – Non Relative	71	10.0%	185.0
Foster Care – Relative	113	15.9%	272.0
Foster Care Private Agency	101	14.3%	548.0
Group Homes	173	24.4%	273.0
Independent/ Semi-Independent Living	61	8.6%	870.0
Psych Hospital	4	0.6%	46.0
Residential Treatment Center*	90	12.7%	258.5
Total	709	100.0%	249.0

* Residential treatment center includes residential counseling center, residential treatment – substance abuse, and generic residential treatment center.

Placement Service Type	N	%	Median Length of Time (Days) in Placement
Congregate Care	359	50.6%	193.0
Non-Congregate Care	350	49.4%	349.0
Total	709	100.0%	249.0

Appendix: Detailed Tables

Detailed Tables for Section 1: Removals to Out-of-Home Placement: Statewide

Table 1. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by removal reason and age group

Removal Reason	First Time Entries				Re-entries			
	Age 0-11 years (N=561)		Age 12+ years (N=453)		Age 0-11 years (N=61)		Age 12+ years (N=138)	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Neglect	349	62.2%	62	13.7%	29	47.5%	9	6.5%
Parent drug/alcohol abuse	224	39.9%	33	7.3%	24	39.3%	9	6.5%
Inadequate housing	88	15.7%	9	2.0%	6	9.8%	2	1.5%
Caretaker inability to cope	144	25.7%	87	19.2%	17	27.9%	37	26.8%
Physical abuse	52	9.3%	29	6.4%	4	6.6%	4	2.9%
Child drug/alcohol abuse	5	0.9%	60	13.3%	0	0.0%	27	19.6%
Child behavior problem	21	3.7%	310	68.4%	4	6.6%	114	82.6%
Sexual abuse	10	1.8%	16	3.5%	1	1.6%	0	0.0%
Clinical diagnosis	9	1.6%	15	3.3%	0	0.0%	4	2.9%
Parent incarceration	28	5.0%	7	1.6%	2	3.3%	3	2.2%
Parent death	3	0.5%	7	1.6%	0	0.0%	1	0.7%
Abandonment	29	5.2%	9	2.0%	1	1.6%	1	0.7%
Relinquishment	5	0.9%	3	0.7%	2	3.3%	2	1.5%

Note: Percentages may add up to over 100% because a youth may have multiple removal reasons.

Table 2. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by first placement service type of current removal and age group

First Placement Service Type of Current Removal	First Time Entries				Re-entries			
	Age 0-11 years		Age 12+ years		Age 0-11 years		Age 12+ years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Foster Care – Non Relative	242	43.1%	34	7.5%	23	37.7%	10	7.3%
Foster Care – Relative	238	42.4%	70	15.4%	22	36.1%	15	10.9%
Foster Care – Private Agency	40	7.1%	15	3.3%	11	18.1%	5	3.6%
Emergency Shelter	16	2.9%	125	27.6%	1	1.6%	30	21.7%
Group Homes	21	3.7%	107	23.6%	3	4.9%	42	30.4%
Residential Treatment Center	2	0.4%	88	19.4%	0	0.0%	31	22.5%
Acute Residential Treatment	1	0.2%	3	0.7%	1	1.6%	1	0.7%
Independent/Semi-independent Living	0	0.0%	8	1.8%	0	0.0%	3	2.2%
Psychiatric Hospital	1	0.2%	3	0.7%	0	0.0%	1	0.7%
Total	561	100.0%	453	100.0%	61	100.0%	138	100.0%

First Placement Service Type of Current Removal	First Time Entries				Re-entries			
	Age 0-11 years		Age 12+ years		Age 0-11 years		Age 12+ years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Congregate Care	40	7.1%	323	71.3%	5	8.2%	104	75.4%
Non-Congregate Care	521	92.9%	130	28.7%	56	91.8%	34	24.6%
Total	561	100.0%	453	100.0%	61	100.0%	138	100.0%

Table 3. Number, percent, and median length of time (days) since previous discharge for children re-entering out-of-home placement, by age group

Age Group (years)	Re-entries		
	N	%	Median length of time (days) since previous discharge
0-5 years	44	22.1%	103.5
6-11 years	17	8.5%	137.0
12-16 years	97	48.7%	146.0
17+ years	41	20.6%	191.0
Total	199	100.0%	142.0

Detailed Tables for Section 2: Removals to Out-of-Home Placement: Network-wide

Table 4. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by removal reason and age group, assigned to networks

Removal Reason	First Time Entries				Re-entries			
	Age 0-11 years (N=229)		Age 12+ years (N=381)		Age 0-11 years (N=37)		Age 12+ years (N=131)	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Neglect	159	69.4%	40	10.5%	14	37.8%	7	5.3%
Parent drug/alcohol abuse	73	31.9%	16	4.2%	17	46.0%	8	6.1%
Inadequate housing	35	15.3%	6	1.6%	6	16.2%	2	1.5%
Caretaker inability to cope	67	29.3%	78	20.5%	10	27.0%	36	27.5%
Physical abuse	26	11.4%	20	5.3%	2	5.4%	4	3.1%
Child drug/alcohol abuse	2	0.9%	52	13.7%	0	0.0%	26	19.9%
Child behavior problem	19	8.3%	290	76.1%	4	10.8%	111	84.7%
Sexual abuse	6	2.6%	10	2.6%	1	2.7%	0	0.0%
Clinical diagnosis	5	2.2%	15	3.9%	0	0.0%	4	3.1%
Parent incarceration	12	5.2%	2	0.5%	1	2.7%	3	2.3%
Parent death	1	0.4%	3	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Abandonment	13	5.7%	5	1.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Relinquishment	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	1	2.7%	2	1.5%

Note: Percentages may add up to over 100% because a youth may have multiple removal reasons.

Table 5. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by first placement service type of current removal and age group, assigned to networks

First Placement Service Type of Current Removal	First Time Entries				Re-entries			
	Age 0-11 years		Age 12+ years		Age 0-11 years		Age 12+ years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Foster Care – Non Relative	94	41.1%	13	3.4%	14	37.9%	9	6.9%
Foster Care – Relative	58	25.3%	35	9.2%	7	18.9%	12	9.2%
Foster Care – Private Agency	39	17.0%	15	3.9%	11	29.7%	5	3.8%
Emergency Shelter	15	6.6%	118	31.0%	1	2.7%	29	22.1%
Group Homes	20	8.8%	104	27.3%	3	8.1%	42	32.0%
Residential Treatment Center	1	0.4%	82	21.5%	0	0.0%	29	22.1%
Acute Residential Treatment	1	0.4%	3	0.8%	1	2.7%	1	0.8%
Independent/Semi-independent Living	0	0.0%	8	2.1%	0	0.0%	3	2.3%
Psychiatric Hospital	1	0.4%	3	0.8%	0	0.0%	1	0.8%
Total	229	100.0%	381	100.0%	37	100.0%	131	100.0%

First Placement Service Type of Current Removal	First Time Entries				Re-entries			
	Age 0-11 years		Age 12+ years		Age 0-11 years		Age 12+ years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Congregate Care	37	16.2%	307	80.6%	5	13.5%	101	77.1%
Non-Congregate Care	192	83.8%	74	19.4%	32	86.5%	30	22.9%
Total	229	100.0%	381	100.0%	37	100.0%	131	100.0%

Table 6. Number, percent, and median length of time (days) since previous discharge for children re-entering out-of-home placement, by age group, assigned to networks

Age Group (years)	Re-entries		
	N	%	Median length of time (days) since previous discharge
0-5 years	23	13.7%	78.0
6-11 years	14	8.3%	182.0
12-16 years	92	54.8%	147.5
17+ years	39	23.2%	191.0
Total	168	100.0%	143.5

Detailed Tables for Section 3: Discharges of Children/Youth: Statewide

Table 7. Median length of time in placement (days) for children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by age group

Age Group (years)	N	%	Median length of time (days) in out-of-home placement
0-5 years	300	27.9%	265.0
6-11 years	167	15.6%	328.0
12-16 years	324	30.2%	190.5
17+ years	283	26.4%	321.0
Total	1074	100.0%	265.0

Detailed Tables for Section 4: Discharges of Children/Youth: Network-wide

Table 8. Median length of time in placement (days) for children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by age group, assigned to networks

Age Group (years)	N	%	Median length of time (days) in out-of-home placement
0-5 years	98	13.8%	229.5
6-11 years	88	12.4%	269.5
12-16 years	278	39.2%	190.0
17+ years	245	34.6%	316.0
Total	709	100.0%	249.0